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Warwickshire
Borough of (Stratford-upon-Avon etc.) C D

Rural District of Stratford-upon-Avon

Rural District of Alcester

Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour

FOR THE YEAR 1965

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TO:

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors, Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Stratford-on-Avon

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Alcester

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour

Public Health work in all districts has proceeded smoothly and quietly during 1965 and there have been no matters of particular interest. Such comment as I make in this preamble concerns relatively small points which have occurred to me during the course of the year when I have attended committee meetings of various kinds.

HOUSING

To a greater or lesser extent all four councils are faced with similar difficulties where council house building is concerned.

Since it is usual to build houses in fairly large numbers the smooth and speedy progression from one scheme to another is difficult to achieve. There is a danger also, particularly in rural districts, if large areas of land are available in larger villages, that small villages are left out of the picture. This results in hastening the migration of younger people to larger towns leaving the villages occupied by the elderly or owner occupiers. There will be a tendency for this to happen even more when the Education Authority gives up the small village schools and arranges for children to travel from small village schools

to larger schools. Where Councils have difficulty in the smooth progression of council house building it makes it difficult to plan an orderly scheme of slum clearance where certain villages are concerned.

In all villages in rural districts there are a certain number of council houses. These houses are generally speaking large ones very often occupied by an elderly couple. The building of more bungalows liberates these under-occupied houses and makes them available for families. It always has been difficult to persuade people who have lived in a house for many years to move to a new one. I think that Councils could do more to demonstrate the greater convenience and comfort of new and suitable houses to the elderly people they wish to move from over-large houses. Once the move has been made the tenants of the bungalows are as happy as the day is long.

Two Rural Districts are planning to build groups of flatlets which will be occupied by elderly people who will, in addition to their own flatlet, have communal facilities to make life more interesting. There will also be a warden to give help in times of difficulty. This scheme will be assisted financially by the County Council Welfare Department.

Housing application lists never seem to grow any smaller however many new council houses are built. Long distances entailed in travelling to work do not seem to be a deterrent to applicants who only seem too anxious to move from inadequate conditions in towns to live in the country.

Very many of the applicants on Rural District lists, strictly speaking, have no claim or call on the Rural District they have applied to. If Councils do not make more stringent conditions before people are taken on to their list I can see no end to council housing building.

WATER SUPPLY

Water in the four districts is supplied from three water authorities, all of whom have extended their mains during the year to more outlying places which have been missed out in the past. These extensions have in the past been thought to be uneconomic, which from a hard, practical point of view, perhaps they are. Nevertheless, adequate and pure supply of water is a vital necessity for everybody. There are still a few places in this area where domestic supplies are still shallow wells and some problems have been experienced during the year with these wells drying out.

SEWAGE AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL

Remarkable progress has been made in the last few years in providing modern sewers and sewage treatment in the four districts. Many rural areas have been excluded from this point of view for far too long. The expense of providing modern sewage and sewerage treatment is enormous and again could be considered to be uneconomic. Adequate sewerage often results in the wish to enlarge isolated villages in order to make better use of the sewers provided.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

1965 was a measles year. Formerly we expected an outbreak of measles every other year. This alternation is not as clear cut as it used to be. Consideration has been given by the local health authority to adopting measles vaccination for children. It is important, as far as possible, to protect very small children from an attack of measles. This is often difficult when they are at risk of being infected by their older brothers and sisters. The Medical Officers of Health in the County gave very great thought to measles vaccination but decided at the present time to postpone a decision until a vaccine was produced which would be less likely to cause reactions and until we knew more certainly how long the immunity provided by the vaccine would last. It would be inconvenient to postpone the attack of measles until a child was in its later school years when examinations are becoming more and more important.

SMALLPOX

This preamble is written well into 1966 when the country is being bothered by sporadic outbreaks of minor smallpox. It appears possible that some cases diagnosed as chicken pox in the past have, in fact, been minor smallpox. The differential diagnosis between the two is extremely difficult but now that we have improved methods of recognising the type of virus producing both chicken pox and smallpox, the diagnosis is very much more clear cut. Little notice would need to be taken of this disease if people were more regularly vaccinated against smallpox. This undoubtedly would reduce the number of cases and the spread of the disease and would also avoid the necessity for last minute vaccination for travellers and holiday-makers leaving the country.

Whenever smallpox occurs in this country there is great consternation amongst people who wish to travel abroad and who have to have an international vaccination certificate. Very often annoyance is expressed that these certificates have to be stamped by the Health Department to confirm that the signature of the vaccinator is authen-

tic. Since a successful smallpox vaccination or re-vaccination is a full protection against the contraction of smallpox, International Control would be non-existent if certificates could not be relied upon. It has not been unknown for certificates to be filled up by the applicants themselves. This perhaps does not happen so much in this country but does happen abroad.

In the middle of writing this preamble I have been away on holiday abroad. On arrival at the airport in Yugoslavia I was greatly impressed to see that washing up of glasses was done by immersing the glass in a bowl of hot detergent water and then swilling the glass out in further hot, clear water. I wish this practice would universally be adopted in public houses in this country.

I was unable to find a restaurant kitchen where the staff were not wearing clean white overalls and where all the staff, both male and female, were wearing clean head coverings. I wish this was a universal practice in this country.

I was surprised to find that even in small villages there was at least a weekly system of refuse collection and this refuse collection was of the dustless loading type.

I wonder whether we have our priorities right in this country which is enormously richer than Yugoslavia.

31st August, 1966.

J. B. BRAMWELL,
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon

Chief Public Health Inspector

J. T. BRUEN, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Certificate of Meat and Foods

Additional Public Health Inspector

D. FOTHERGILL, M.A.P.H.I.

Certificate of Meat and Foods

(Until 27th August, 1965)

D. J. LITHERLAND, M.A.P.H.I.

Certificate of Meat and Foods

(From 1st December, 1965)

Authorised Meat Inspector

J. LOWE

Meat Certificate R.S.A. of Scotland

(Until 30th April, 1965)

Area of the Borough (acres)	..	..	6,899
Population (estimated mid 1965)	..	..	17,790
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1965	..	..	£991,377
Product of Penny Rate 1965/66	..	..	£4,107

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	..	..	106	111	217
	Illegitimate	..	..	12	11	23
STILL BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	..	..	2	1	3
	Illegitimate	..	..	0	0	0
LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS				..	..	243
INFANT DEATHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	..	..	1	1	2
	Illegitimate	..	..	1	1	2
MATERNAL DEATHS				..	..	0
POPULATION				..	..	17,790

RATES

LIVE BIRTHS			
	Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	13·7	(18·1)*
STILL BIRTHS			
	Still birth rate per 1,000 related live and still births	12·3	(15·7)*
INFANT DEATHS			
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total	16·6	(19·0)*
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate	9·2	
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate	8·5	
	Neo-natal rate (first four weeks of life) three deaths	12·5	(13·0)*
	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	10·6	
MATERNAL DEATHS			
	Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	0	(0·25)*
DEATHS			
	Male	Female	Total
	101	93	194
	Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	9·6	(11·5)*

*Corresponding rates for England and Wales

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the District at 31st December, 1965 .. 6,073

COUNCIL HOUSES

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Number of houses built in 1965	36
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Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1965Houses . . . 17Flats .. 47

Number of applicants for Council houses	507
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REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action	41
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(2) By formal action under Public Health Act	0
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(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	0
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(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of representations made	2
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(b) Number of demolition orders made	2
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(bi) Number of houses demolished	3
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(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve	0
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(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	0
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(e) Closing orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957	0
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(f) Closing orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957	1
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(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957

(a) Number of representations made	0
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(b) Number of Clearance areas declared	0
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(c) Number of houses involved	0
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(d) Number of Clearance Orders made	0
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(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	0
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(f) Number of houses demolished	0
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DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT,
1958

(a) Number of applications received	(1) owner occupied	9
	(2) tenanted	3

(b) Number of grants made	12
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(c) Number of dwellings affected	12
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(d) Total amount of grants made	£3,039
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STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

(a) Number of applications received (1) owner occupied	16
(2) tenanted	..	..	..	..	..	3
(b) Number of grants made	..	..	..	..	..	19
(c) Number of dwellings affected	..	..	..	..	..	19
(d) Total amount of grant	..	..	..	..	..	£2,718

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates	..	..	..	..	..	0
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	..	..	..	..	..	0
Number of decisions to issue certificates	..	..	..	..	..	0
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the first schedule	..	..	..	..	..	0
Number of undertakings refused by local authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the first schedule	..	..	..	..	..	0
Number of certificates issued	..	..	..	..	..	0
Applications by landlords to local authority for cancellation certificates						0

HOUSING ACT, 1957

The representations made in respect of individual unfit houses related to Springfield Bungalow, Shipston Road, and a temporary hut in Pimlico Lane, Alveston. The three houses demolished were Nos. 27, 28 and 29 Windsor Street, and the closing order made was in respect of part of the Annexe at Clopton House.

HOUSING INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Public Health Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61
Re-inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95
Consolidated Regulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Housing Act, 1957—Section 16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Re-inspections	16
Housing Acts Improvement Grants	40
Housing Act, 1957—Overcrowding	3

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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Proceedings were taken against the food manufacturer/retailer in respect of the following:—

(1) SECTION 8—FOOD UNFIT FOR CONSUMPTION

Sale of mouldy chocolate cake—Fined £5

(2) REGULATION 27—MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959

Sale of milk in a bottle not in a state of thorough cleanliness—Fined £20

UNSOUND FOOD

Seventy-six visits have been made to premises for the purpose of inspection and dealing with unsound food. All condemned food is disposed of by burying at the Corporation controlled tip and suitably treated when necessary.

The condemned food disposed of was as follows:—

981 tins	Fruit	51 lbs.	Cured hams
673 tins	Vegetables	164 lbs.	Home killed beef
102 tins	Fish	11	Melons
150 tins	Meat	89	Chickens
68 tins	Milk	93	Turkeys
118 tins	Soups	16	Game birds
38 tins	Puddings	4 lbs.	Puff pastry
29 tins/jars	Baby foods	14 lbs.	Lard
16 jars	Jam	84 lbs.	Butter
64 bottles/tins	Squash/fruit juice	120 lbs.	Pork
3 tins	Ovaltine	34 lbs.	Lamb
1 tin	Custard powder	68 lbs.	Ox liver
5 lbs.	Pigs' liver	9 lbs.	Sausages
54 lbs.	Pigs' kidney	4 lbs.	Jellied veal
20 lbs.	Rabbit		

ICECREAM

No icecream is manufactured in the Borough and all the retail premises are supplied by the large manufacturing firms. Seventy-six premises are registered for the purpose.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

During the year it was necessary to take proceedings against a restaurant proprietor for contraventions of the above arising out of a severe infestation of mice being allowed to develop and no steps whatsoever taken to counteract the infestation. The defendant pleaded guilty to summonses for failing to keep articles of equipment and preparation surfaces clean and exposing food to a risk of contamination. A total fine of £50 was imposed. The premises subsequently closed down.

It was found from routine inspections that the generally good overall standard in the many types of food premises in the Borough was being maintained, and only in a few instances was it required to request certain improvements to be done by informal notice.

TRADE	NO. OF PREMISES
Grocers	44
Bakers	4
Cake shops and confectionery	8
Butchers	13
Fishmongers	2
Fried fish shops	3
Dairies	1
Confectioners	11
Greengrocers	13
Hotels	36
Licensed houses	34
Restaurants	21
Cafés/snack bars	7
Slaughterhouses	2
Guest houses	46

IMPROVEMENTS	PREMISES
Rooms cleaned and redecorated	1
Hot water supply renewed ..	4
New sinks provided	1
Drain stoppages cleared ..	3
Floors relaid	1
Food storage provided ..	1
Refuse bins provided	1
Preparation surfaces renewed ..	1
Lighting improved	2
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SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION

All animals slaughtered at the two slaughterhouses were inspected and condemned meat and offal disposed of through *bona-fide* contractors

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	3222	119	453	12856	8895	0
Number inspected	3222	119	453	12856	8895	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cystercerci: Whole carcasses condemned	3	14	11	43	42	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	737	43	10	221	435	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cystercerci	22.97	47.89	4.63	2.05	5.36	0
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	1	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	43	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	.49	0
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	0	0	0	0	0
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration	3	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

					lbs.	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Abnormal and swollen joints	..	..	..	..	670		5	3	26
Abnormal odour	..	..	..	..	787		7		3
Abscesses	..	..	..	..	1986		17	2	26
Actinobacillosis	..	..	..	..	30			1	2
Actinomycosis	..	..	..	..	285		2	2	5
Adhesions	..	..	..	..	14				14
Angioma	..	..	..	..	297		2	2	17
Arthritis	..	..	..	..	954		8	2	2
Atrophic rhinitis	..	..	..	..	11				11
Bruising	..	..	..	..	2321	1		2	25
Broken bones	..	..	..	..	66			2	10
Bone taint	..	..	..	..	2487	1	2		23
Bacterial necrosis	..	..	..	..	44			1	16
Contamination	..	..	..	..	20				20
Congestion	..	..	..	..	640		5	2	24
Cysts	..	..	..	..	810		7		26
Cirrhosis	..	..	..	..	4993	2	4	2	9
C. bovis	..	..	..	..	106			3	22
Dead on arrival	..	..	..	..	56			2	
Emaciation	..	..	..	..	1830		16	1	10
Emphysema	..	..	..	..	134		1		22
Fatty infiltration	..	..	..	..	161		1	1	21
Fascioliasis	..	..	..	..	45			1	17
Fever	..	..	..	..	276		2	1	24
Fibrosis	..	..	..	..	212		1	3	16
Gangrene	..	..	..	..	80			2	24
Hepatitis	..	..	..	..	14				14
Immature	..	..	..	..	35			1	7
Imperfect bleeding and setting	..	..	..	..	322		2	3	14
Interstitial myositis	..	..	..	..	72			2	16
Jaundice	..	..	..	..	81			2	25
Milk spot	..	..	..	..	481		4	1	5
Melanosis	..	..	..	..	7				7
Oedema	..	..	..	..	1810		16		18
Putrefaction	..	..	..	..	24				24
Pericarditis	..	..	..	..	87			3	3
Parasites	..	..	..	..	845		7	2	5
Pleurisy	..	..	..	..	343		3		7
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	215		1	3	19
Pulmonary distomatosis	..	..	..	..	23				23
Peritonitis	..	..	..	..	2177		19	1	21
Pyæmia	..	..	..	..	1599		14	1	3
Septicæmia	..	..	..	..	1121		10		1
Swine erysipilas	..	..	..	..	209		1	3	13
Skin lesions and swellings	..	..	..	..	69			2	13
Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	777		6	3	21
Tumours	..	..	..	..	70			2	14
Telangectiasis	..	..	..	..	18				18
Uraemia	..	..	..	..	182		1	2	14
Xanthosis	..	..	..	..	80			2	24
					<u>29976</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>

TABLE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED

Year	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1939	868	26	265	3791	4712	9663
1949	1154	731	1843	7208	1456	12393
1950	1501	897	1544	7086	1613	12641
1951	2864	1457	1080	11293	2877	19571
1952	3389	1553	1710	17494	6023	30169
1953	3632	1141	1121	14058	6381	26339
1954	3806	749	879	23048	9017	37499
1955	3613	255	562	14479	10368	29277
1956	4438	281	778	16473	9910	31880
1957	4662	380	707	15320	9527	30596
1958	4243	316	518	13247	10669	28993
1959	3829	275	519	19037	11159	34819
1960	4020	336	804	15579	9876	30614
1961	4176	267	858	16775	9763	21839
1962	4044	310	878	15332	10452	31016
1963	3933	299	887	14002	10679	29800
1964	3852	193	598	14097	9978	28718
1965	3222	119	453	12856	8895	25545

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Informal notices	41
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HOUSING DEFECTS REMEDIED

Roofs repaired	3
Brickwork repointed	3
Windows repaired	5
Walls and ceilings re-plastered	9
Staircase repaired	1
Doors repaired	2
Floors relaid and repaired	4
Gutters and fall pipes repaired	6
Drain stoppages cleared	26
Wash-hand basins renewed	2
Water supply pipes repaired	3
New w.c. basins and cisterns provided	5
W.c. and coalhouse re-built	1
Dampness remedied	4
Sink waste gully fitted	2
Accumulation of rubbish removed	1
Dustbins provided	1
Yard paving re-laid	2
Yard wall repaired	1
Fresh air inlet renewed	1
Total	82

DISINFESTATION AND DISINFECTION

Eighteen premises were disinfested for various insect pests. Additionally, the Department was called upon to deal with the eradication of eighty-four wasps' nests.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household refuse is collected weekly and generally hotels and restaurants are given a twice weekly collection service. During the season, particularly where storage space is limited, the refuse is removed more frequently from some hotels and restaurants. In instances where difficulties are encountered with regard to storage pending collection and refuse bins are in use a changeover to the paper sack system of storage is encouraged and has been adopted in some cases.

The disposal of the refuse is by controlled tipping with the use of a mechanical shovel for efficiency on the Unicorn Meadows. Daily, fly and other insect pests control measures with approved insecticides are carried out during warm weather periods, and the tip is subjected to frequent rodent control measures.

CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

Site	Type of Site	No. of Caravans	Facilities Provided
Avon Park Camp Warwick Road	Summer	249	R FFA WS D SA L
Rayford Caravan Park Tiddington Road	Summer	229	R FFA WS D SA L
The Elms Camp Tiddington Road	Summer	90	R FFA WS D SA L
Land fronting Paddock Lane	Residential	1	R FP HS FFA WS D SA
Oxstalls Farm Warwick Road	Residential	2	R FP HS FFA WS D SA

R Roads
 FP Footpath
 HS Hardstanding
 FFA Fire fighting apparatus
 WS Water supply
 D Drainage
 L Laundry facilities
 SA Sanitary accommodation blocks

AVON PARK CAMP, WARWICK ROAD

In March the Ministry of Housing and Local Government upheld an appeal by the site operator against the refusal to permit the stationing of 249 static caravans for holiday purposes and a residential caravan for a warden on the above site in lieu of 112 caravans originally licensed. This was mainly on the grounds that adequate provision for such form of holiday accommodation should be met by an increase in the number of caravans on existing suitable and low density sites rather than to establish new ones. The conditions did provide for sites for 80 caravans to be reserved solely for the use of caravans on tour.

The Health Committee approved amended site licence conditions to provide for increased toilets and washing facilities to cater for a more intensive use of the site and the existing foul water drainage to a cesspool to be converted to discharge to the main sewer by pumping.

RODENT CONTROL

One hundred and seventy complaints were received and during the year regular survey work has been maintained and treatments carried out where necessary. This is reflected in the fact that no reservoir or major infestations of rats were required to be dealt with. The refuse tip and sewage disposal works received regular attention.

SUMMARY OF VISITS BY RODENT OPERATIVE

Number of inspections for survey and treatments:

1. Dwellings	3528
2. Business premises	465
3. Agricultural premises	38
4. Local authorities	125

Number of infestations treated:

1. Dwellings	91
2. Business premises	66
3. Agricultural premises	28
4. Local authorities	41

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Inspection of premises P.H. Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
Filthy and verminous premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Miscellaneous visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	383
Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	530
Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Cafés, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses				..	..	..	117
Butchers/cooked meat shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Grocers' shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Greengrocers' shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Fish premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Confectioners/sweet shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
Visits re unsound food	..	..	..	..	..	..	99
Premises disinfected/disinfested	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Rodent control	..	..	..	..	..	..	168
Refuse collection and disposal	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Caravan sites and caravans	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Factories P./N.P.	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Drains tested and inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Clean Air Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Noise Abatement Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
Keeping of animals (pet shops)	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Water samples	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Licensed premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	170
Total							2240

FACTORIES ACT, 1961: PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	9	7	2	0
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	82	15	2	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	4	2	0	0
Total	95	24	4	0

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Remarks	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act.	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	4	0	0	0

FACTORIES ACT

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of premises that had registered by the end of the year by completion of the appropriate form O.S.R. I was 361. A further 122 premises had received a general detailed initial inspection with regard to the welfare provisions of the Act and these were confined to office premises and retail shops other than food premises, as such latter category of premise had been subject to detailed supervision hitherto under other legislation. The total number of visits to premises under the Act was 171.

The following is an analysis of items found and held to be contraventions of the Act:—

	Contraventions in respect of							Found
Section 5	Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Section 6	Temperature	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Section 7	Ventilation	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Section 8	Lighting	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Section 9	Sanitary Conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Section 10	Washing facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Section 12	Clothing accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Section 13	Sitting facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 16	Floors, passages and staircases	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Section 24	General provisions—first aid boxes	..	..	..	..	..	..	29

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1957

Renewal licences were issued for the keeping of three premises as pet shops.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

During the year the requirements of a statutory notice that had been served by the Council in respect of the abatement of a continuous noise nuisance arising from the operation of an engineering factory close to residential property were met with when the firm moved into new factory premises on the industrial estate. Such a satisfactory solution was achieved by the concern of management at the disquiet being caused to their neighbours and a readiness to tackle the problem with the assistance and co-operation of the Council.

The willingness of factory managements to carry out works and endeavour to remedy a nuisance from noise that may be caused to residents of nearby houses was also manifested when investigating other complaints. A complaint was made that a continuous high throbbing noise that had been introduced above the low background noise always associated with the factory operation was causing distress. The point source was found to be three roof exhaust ducts from a new internal mechanical ventilating system which passed metal dust-laden air under high pressure through “wet scrubbers” before exhausting to atmosphere. Purpose made silencers were fitted to each of the exhaust ducts with a resultant reduction of the high noise level making conditions more tolerable.

Another complaint was in connection with a high pitched whining noise found to be emanating from the operation of a 600 h.p. diesel generator intended to provide electric power other than as a standby for emergency purposes. It was agreed that it was absolutely essential to build a more efficient silencing arrangement if it was to continue to operate. With the fitting of an approved double silencing unit to the exhaust and a reversion to standby use the noise complained about was satisfactorily dealt with by the firm.

The investigation of a noise complaint often requires numerous visits at varying times to assess the situation and establish if a statutory nuisance exists, and especially when normal background noise has to be taken into consideration. During the year 59 visits were made for the purpose.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new sewage disposal and treatment works at Milcote have been in full action during the year. Certain difficulties have arisen with sludge disposal, chiefly due to lack of labour. These difficulties have been solved by the purchase of a trailer type spray wagon which is used to spray the sludge in a liquid form on land on adjoining farms. This method of sludge disposal is an alternative to using sludge drying beds which is a long winded process.

TRADE EFFLUENT

With the new sewerage scheme it has been possible to employ a Sewerage Works Chemist who has been examining sewage samples not only for the Borough Council but for Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council as well. It has also been possible to take the problem of trade wastes seriously. There are nine major discharges from industry in the Borough. The effluent has been examined by the chemist and a formula worked out upon which charges can be made for trade effluent in consultation with the companies concerned. No difficulties have arisen during 1965 with this process.

EXTENSIONS TO THE SEWERS

The main extension to the sewerage by the Borough was that in Bishopton Lane which was started in August. In addition to this, sewage from the village of Wilmcote in the Alcester Rural District began to flow down the new sewer to join with the Borough's sewage to be treated at the Milcote works.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water supplies in the Borough area are under the control of the South Warwickshire Water Board. Certain difficulties have arisen during the year where mains terminate at blind ends when there have been complaints of sediment in the water. These complaints have quite easily been solved by flushing out the mains. The water is not plumbo-solvent.

The Rural District of Stratford-upon-Avon

Public Health Inspectors

J. W. BOLTON, M.A.P.H.I.

Certificate of Meat and Foods

MISS W. L. SPENCE, M.A.P.H.I.

Certificate of Meat and Foods

Surveyor and Engineer

J. WOOD, F.I.A.S., A.M.I.S.E., M.R.S.H.

Area of District (acres)	..	..	..	86,464
Population (estimated mid 1965)	..	..	..	27,990
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1965	..	..	..	£892,032
Product of Penny Rate 1965/66	..	..	..	£3,646

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total	
Legitimate	..	..	250	230	480		
Illegitimate	..	..	15	13	28		
STILL BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total	
Legitimate	..	..	1	3	4		
Illegitimate	..	..	0	0	0		
LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	..	..	..	..	..	..	512
INFANT DEATHS				Male	Female	Total	
Legitimate	..	..	4	3	7		
Illegitimate	..	..	0	0	0		
MATERNAL DEATHS	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
POPULATION	..	..	..	..	..	..	27,990

RATES

LIVE BIRTHS			
	Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	19.0	(18.1)*
STILL BIRTHS			
	Still birth rate per 1,000 related live and still births	7.8	(15.7)*
INFANT DEATHS			
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total	13.8	(19.0)*
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate	14.5	
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate	0	
	Neo-natal rate (first four weeks of life) four deaths	12.5	(13.0)*
	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5.8	
MATERNAL DEATHS			
	Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	0	(0.25)*
DEATHS			
	Male	Female	Total
	132	119	251
	Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	9.5	(11.5)*

*Corresponding rates for England and Wales

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the District at 31st December, 1965 .. 8,323

COUNCIL HOUSES

Total 1,587

Number of houses built in 1965 36

Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1965:

42 houses	}		
31 flats	}	.. .. .	73

Number of applications for Council houses 592

REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action 39

(2) By formal action under Public Health Act 0

(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 0

(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(a) Number of representations made 10

(b) Number of demolitions made 1

(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve 0

(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let 7

(e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957 1

(f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957 0

(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957:

(a) Number of representations made 0

(b) Number of Clearance Areas declared 0

(c) Number of houses involved 0

(d) Number of Clearance Orders made 0

(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed 0

(f) Number of houses demolished 0

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

(a) Number of applications received (1) owner occupied 24

(2) tenanted 29

(b) Number of grants made 53

(c) Number of dwellings affected 53

(d) Total amount of grants made £11,914

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

(a) Number of applications received (1) owner occupied 12

(2) tenanted 21

(b) Number of grants made 34

(c) Number of dwellings affected 34

(d) Total amount of grant £3,524

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates	2
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	0
Number of decisions to issue certificates	0
Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	2
Number of undertakings refused by local authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	0
Number of certificates issued	0
Applications by landlords to local authority for cancellation certificates	0

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

1. DRAINAGE AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION	
Conversion of pail closets to water closets	5
2. REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION—AVERAGE PER MONTH	
Premises cleared	40,824
Number of loads recorded	233
Number of cesspool loads (free service Tanworth-in-Arden and Hockley Heath)	2,237
Other cesspools emptied	45
Number of pails emptied	1,420
3. DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION	
Seven premises were disinfested for various insects, the majority being fleas, and in addition 64 wasps' nests were dealt with.	

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Animal boarding establishments	15
Bakehouses	3
Butchers' shops	11
Cafés, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses	21
Caravans	23
Complaints	167
Drainage	72
Factories P/NP	5
Filthy and verminous premises	7
Food premises, general	59

Housing	223
Housing re-visits	76
Ice-cream premises	10
Individual caravans	39
Inspection of premises, Public Health Act	17
Knackers' yards	4
Licensed premises	16
Miscellaneous visits	63
Noise Abatement Act	7
Premises disinfected/disinfested	7
O.S.R.P. Act	82
Rodent control	37
Sewer surveys, houses visited	130
Shops (Shops Act)	3
Slaughterhouses	427
Visits re-unsound food	2
Water samples	35

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Trade	No. of Premises
Grocers	36
Bakers	5
Butchers	16
Confectioners	11
Fishmongers	4
Fried Fish Shops	2
Greengrocers	12
General Shops	51
Guest Houses	5
Hotels	3
Licensed Houses	54
Off-Licences	16
Restaurants, Cafés	17
Snack Bars	3
Slaughterhouses	4
Clubs	7
Ice-cream Manufacturing Premises	2

FOOD GENERAL

ICE-CREAM

There are two establishments manufacturing ice-cream, one by the cold mix method, and the other by the heat treatment method.

12 samples were taken during the year

10 samples were placed in Grade 1

1 sample was placed in Grade 2

1 sample was placed in Grade 3

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Proceedings were taken against one food premises, the owner being fined a total of £25.

UNSOUND FOOD

Visits have been made for the examination of unsound food stuffs in small quantities, the unsound goods being surrendered to the Public Health Inspector.

FOOD CONDEMNED

Canned goods	226
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DISPOSAL

Canned goods	Refuse tips
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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 31

Milk sampling for biological examination during 1965

Twenty-five samples were taken from some seven farms within the Rural District. Negative results for tubercle bacilli were reported in respect of each case.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

Routine examinations of samples of milk taken within the Rural District during 1965:—

Untreated	1 sample
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Pasteurised	133 samples
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Sterilised..	16 samples
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All were found to satisfy the Methylene Blue Phosphataze Turbidity tests.

MEAT INSPECTION
CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep, Lambs & Goats	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	445	11	36	2839	398	0
Number inspected	445	11	36	2839	398	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercus: Whole carcasses condemned	0	1	1	9	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	33	3	3	13	6	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercus	7.42	36.36	11.11	0.77	1.51	0
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	4	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	1.0	0
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED
JANUARY-DECEMBER 1965

					lbs.
Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	35
Fascioliasis	..	..	..	..	103
Moribund ..	..	..	..	..	509
Abscesses ..	..	..	..	..	276
Pleurisy ..	..	..	..	..	37
Bruising ..	..	..	..	..	4
Ascaris ..	..	..	..	..	4
Cirrhosis ..	..	..	..	..	6
Pyæmia ..	..	..	..	..	65
Peritonitis ..	..	..	..	..	5
Pericarditis..	..	..	..	..	5
Necrosis ..	..	..	..	..	4
Nephritis ..	..	..	..	..	4
Immaturity..	..	..	..	..	78
Emaciation..	..	..	..	..	12

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963
THE FOLLOWING IS AN ANALYSIS OF WORK CARRIED OUT TO
31st DECEMBER, 1965

		Analysis of Employed Persons				
Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale departments warehouses	Catering establishments	Canteens	Fuel Storage depots	M F
309	199	19	427	24	7	475 510

45 premises were inspected during the year and the following improvements recorded

Lack of first aid box	No thermometer	Redecoration of sanitary accommodation	Inadequate ventilation	Redecoration of premises	Inadequate washing facilities
17	6	1	1	2	3

CARAVAN SITES

Site	Type of Site	No. of Caravans	Facilities Provided
Aspley Farm, Aspley Heath	Residential	6	R FP HS FFA D
Avon Caravan Park	Summer	30	R FP FFA WS
Brooklyn, Aspley Heath	Residential	6	R FP WS S FFA
Dodwell Trailer Park	Residential	80	R FP HS FFA WS D SA L S
Four Alls Site	Summer	26	FFA WS
Hillcrest, Portway	Residential	100	R FP HS FFA WS SA L S
Hunts Site, Juggins Lane, Forshaw Heath	Residential	13	R HS S WS FFA
Langley Farm, Bishopton	Summer	20	R FP HS FFA WS D SA
Long Cast, Barton Road, Welford-on-Avon	Summer	15	HS FFA S
Oaktree Farm Site, Forshaw Heath	Residential	10	Allowed five years to run down (from 1963)
Sumners, Barton Road, Welford-on-Avon	Summer		R FP FFA WS D SA L
Wootton Hall, Wootton Wawen	Residential	260	R FP HS FFA WS D SA L S

R Roads	FFA Fire fighting apparatus	SA Sanitary accommodation blocks
FP Footpath	WS Water supply	L Laundry facilities
HS Hardstanding	D Drainage	s Storage space

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Proceedings were taken against an owner for allowing the use of land for a caravan site without being licensed. A fine of £40 was imposed.

A further case was taken against the same owner when a fine of £100 was imposed.

RODENT CONTROL

Two Rodent Operators are employed full time by the Council. Contracts number 279 at a value of £2,284 10s.

A minimum of one visit per month is paid to each premises under contract.

SUMMARY OF VISITS FOR SURVEY PURPOSES

1. Dwellings	..	..	..	..	501
2. Business premises	..	..	..	..	566
3. Agricultural premises	..	..	..	..	2,991
4. Local Authority	..	..	..	..	301

NUMBER OF INFESTATIONS TREATED

1. Dwellings	..	..	..	..	116
2. Business premises	..	..	..	..	118
3. Agricultural premises	..	..	..	..	1,391
4. Local Authority	..	..	..	..	84

FACTORIES ACT, 1961: PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	14	3	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	141	6	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	3	0	0	0
Total	158	9	0	0

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	2	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	9	0	0	0

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

As has been the case in the past few years, considerable progress has been made in providing up-to-date sewerage for villages in the Rural District. The situation at the beginning of 1965 was as follows:—

1. SCHEMES COMPLETED

(a) Old Stratford and Drayton	completed 1960	..	..	..	£7,902
(b) Snitterfield*	.. .. completed 1961	..	..	..	£19,957
(c) Preston-on-Stour*	.. .. completed 1962	..	..	..	£13,065
(d) Wellesbourne	.. .. completed 1963	..	..	..	£18,449
(e) Ettington*	.. .. completed 1963	..	..	..	£21,354
(f) Moreton Morrell* completed 1964	£28,378
(g) Combbrook* completed 1964	£12,540

*No final account	Total	£121,645
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2. SCHEMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

(a) Claverdon	£101,687
(b) Ashorne	£20,585
(c) Ullenhall	£51,441
(d) Tanworth-in-Arden	£260,350

Total	£434,063
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3. SCHEMES APPROVED-WAITING TENDERS

(a) Admington	Estimated	..	£22,300
(b) Kineton	Estimated	..	£79,586

Total	£101,886
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4. SCHEMES SUBMITTED TO OR PREPARED AND ABOUT TO BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(a) Wootton Wawen	.. .. ..	Estimated	..	£202,842
(b) Dorsington	.. .. ..	Estimated	..	£21,000
(c) Clifford Chambers	.. .. ..	Estimated	..	£46,256
(d) Welford-on-Avon, Weston Binton and Luddington	}	Estimated	..	£250,700

Total	£520,798
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Total of 1, 2, 3 and 4: £1,178,392

5. PARISHES WHERE SCHEMES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IN OUTLINE—NO DETAILS PREPARED

- (a) Long Marston
- (b) Hampton Lucy and Charlecote
- (c) Langley
- (d) Preston Bagot
- (e) Atherstone

- (f) Whitchurch
- (g) Alderminster
- (h) Loxley

6. PARISHES WHERE SCHEMES ARE BEING PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ADJOINING AUTHORITY

- (a) Wolverton
- (b) Grafton

7 PARISHES WHERE DRAINAGE SCHEMES ARE ADEQUATE

- (a) Bearley
- (b) Hockley Heath (village only)
- (c) Quinton

By the end of the year the schemes for the villages of Ashorne, Claverdon and Ullenhall were approaching completion.

The schemes at Admington and Tanworth-in-Arden were making good progress.

The scheme for Clifford Chambers had received Ministry blessing following the Council's representation to the Ministry when it was suggested that some delay should take place in view of the restriction on new capital works.

The scheme for Welford-on-Avon, Weston, Binton and Luddington was waiting the Ministry enquiry. The Wolverton scheme which is in conjunction with the Warwick Rural District was at the same stage.

The scheme for Wootton Wawen which had been revised at the suggestion of the Ministry was ready for submitting to the Ministry once again. Further house building in Wootton Wawen, Henley-in-Arden and Beaudesert parishes depends entirely on the provision of adequate sewage treatment which will be provided in the new works at Wootton Wawen.

Preliminary planning work was in various stages of completion for the new Kineton works and full schemes for Dorsington and Alderminster.

It will be seen that an enormous amount of work has been undertaken by the Council's Surveyor's Department during the year. The only scheme in progress at the moment, which has been designed by the Council's Consulting Engineers, is that for the parish of Tanworth-in-Arden. The Consulting Engineers have also designed the Welford-on-Avon scheme but at the moment there can be no progress until the Ministry has held its enquiry.

At times the Severn River Authority have made representations to the Council about poor quality of effluent from the works in the Rural District. This applies particularly to the village of Hampton Lucy where the present works are grossly overloaded and were never designed to take the flow the sewerage now attempts to treat. In the near future it is hoped that a new scheme for the villages of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote and Loxley will be undertaken, the sewage being pumped to enlarged works in the village of Wellesbourne.

WATER SUPPLIES

Although the Rural District Council is no longer responsible for providing mains water in the Rural District, there are a few points of note on this subject which have occurred during 1965.

Strange as it may seem, water had to be carried to certain houses in the parish of Tanworth-in-Arden during December 1964 and January 1965. These houses are isolated and depend upon well water. The water in the wells has continuously declined during the last two years when rainfall has been less than normal. Negotiations have been going on with the Birmingham Water Department which is responsible for the provision of mains water in this part of the Rural District but the cost of providing long lengths of main to the few properties that need water, is great. The Council have thought, where some of the extensions were concerned, that the guarantee required to extend the main was an unreasonable cost to the rate fund.

None of the water treated in the Rural District is plumbo solvent.

As happens periodically the Council has once again been asked to reconsider their approval to the South Warwickshire Water Board adding fluorine to the water supplies in the area. It is with great pleasure that I report that they continue to approve of this scheme, the holdup being due largely to the somewhat complicated engineering works necessary to add it to all the sources of supply in the area.

The Rural District of Alcester

Public Health Inspector

G. V. BLACKBROUGH, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

Surveyor

I. C. WILLIAMS, A.R.I.C.S., A.M.I.P.H.E.

Area of District (acres)	37,524
Population (estimated mid 1965) ..	19,060
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1965 ..	£575,816
Product of Penny Rate 1965/66 ..	£2,367

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate ..	..	..	210	216	426
	Illegitimate..	..	..	12	9	21
STILL BIRTHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate ..	..	..	2	4	6
	Illegitimate..	..	..	0	1	1
LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS				..	..	454
INFANT DEATHS				Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate ..	..	..	3	2	5
	Illegitimate..	..	..	0	0	0
MATERNAL DEATHS ..				..	..	0
POPULATION ..				..	..	19,060

RATES

LIVE BIRTHS			
	Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	23.4	(18.1)*
STILL BIRTHS			
	Still birth rate per 1,000 related live and still births	15.8	(15.7)*
INFANT DEATHS			
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total	11.2	(19.0)*
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate	11.7	
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate	0	
	Neo-natal rate (first four weeks of life) three deaths	7.1	(13.0)*
	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	4.9	
MATERNAL DEATHS			
	Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	0	(0.25)*
DEATHS			
	Male	Female	Total
	101	103	204
	Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	10.2	(11.5)*

*Corresponding rates for England and Wales

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the District at 31st December, 1965	..	5,975
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COUNCIL HOUSES

Total	1,429
Number of houses built in 1965	20
Number of houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1965 ..		97
Number of applicants for Council houses .. .. .	..	783

1. REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action .. .. .	..	31
(2) By formal action under Public Health Acts .. .. .	..	3
(3) By action under Section 9 of Housing Act, 1957 .. .. .	..	0
(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957		
(a) Number of representations made		16
(b) Number of demolitions made		16
(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve		0
(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let		1
(e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957 ..		3
(f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957 ..		0
(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957		
(a) Number of representations made		0
(b) Number of Clearance Areas declared		0
(c) Number of houses involved		0
(d) Number of Clearance Orders made		0
(e) Number of Compulsory Purchase Orders made		0
(f) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed		0
(g) Number of Compulsory Purchase Orders confirmed ..		0
(h) Number of houses demolished		6

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates .. .. .	..	0
Number of decisions not to issue certificates .. .. .	..	0
Number of decisions to issue certificates .. .. .	..	0
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule		0
Number of undertakings refused by local authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule		0
Number of certificates issued		0
Applications by landlords to local authority for cancellation certificates		0

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	124
Licensed premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Clean air	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Housing investigation for rehousing purposes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Housing inspection	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	217
Provision of dustbins	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Sanitary accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Drainage matters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	146
Water supplies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
Dirty premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Verminous premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Tips	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	135
Ditches	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Caravans and sites	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	165
Temporary structures	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Rent Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Refuse collection	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	201
Smoke nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Rodent control	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Food inspection	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93
Keeping of animals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Boarding kennels	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Scrap vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Miscellaneous visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	162

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

(a) GENERAL

Butchers' shops in the district	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Licensed premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
Clubs	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Licensed restaurants	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Snack bars	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Fish and chip shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Grocers' shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Cafés	..	..	..	..	..	..	9

(b) PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16

Ice-cream	..	..	..	..	..	..	90
Preparation of sausages, etc.	6

(c) NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS OF FOOD PREMISES

..	124
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ICE-CREAM PREMISES

No ice-cream is manufactured in the District. Ninety premises are registered for storage and sale of ice-cream supplied by large manufacturing firms.

No samples were taken during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

One hundred and twenty four inspections have been made under the provisions of the Regulations and the following improvements recorded:

Ventilation.. .. .	13
Wash-hand basins.. ..	9
Hot and cold water	9
Rooms requiring cleaning and decorating	13
First aid materials.. ..	7
Clothes lockers	5
Soap, towel and nail brush	9
Dirty floors	13
Defective dustbins.. ..	7

UNSOUND FOOD

The following has been voluntarily surrendered to prevent it being used for human consumption. A large proportion of this has been brought to the head-quarters of a multiple shop which is situated in this district.

210 tinned tomatoes	101 tinned vegetables
527 tinned fruit	6 tinned cream
70 tinned fish	41 tinned evaporated milk
90 tinned meat	36 tinned milk puddings
4 tinned fruit juice	4 tinned soup
38 lbs. meat	

CARAVAN SITES

Site	Type of Site	No. of Caravans	Facilities Provided
Abbots Salford	Summer	230	S L R FP FFA WS D SA
Fish Hotel, Wixford	Summer	12	R FFA WS D SA L S
Golden Cross, Exhall	Summer	15	R FFA WS D SA
Mill House, Aston Cantlow	Summer	40	R FFA WS D SA L
Willowdene, Wilmcote	Residential	15	R FFA WS D L S FP SA
Oversley Mill, Alcester	Residential	42	NO WORK COMMENCED AS YET. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND NEW SITE LICENCE ISSUED. NEGOTIATIONS IN HAND FOR DIRECT SEWAGE PIPE TO THE COUNCIL'S WORKS
Hoo Mill, Alcester	Summer	100	R FFA WS D SA
Three Horse Shoes, Wixford	Summer	18	R P FFA WS D SA S
Mill Meadow, Salford Priors	Summer	47	R FFA WS D SA S
Welford Road, Barton	Summer	15	R F FFA WS D SA
Grange Road, Bidford-on-Avon	Summer	15	WORK IN PROGRESS
Outhill Farm, Studley	Summer	30	R FFA WS D SA
Woodcote, Aston Cantlow Road, Wilmcote	Residential	45	R FFA WS D L S FP WC T

In addition to the above there are 15 small sites involving 23 caravans. In most cases work has been carried out in order to make the site satisfactory. It has been necessary to instigate legal proceedings in connection with one caravan on an unlicensed site.

- R

Roads
- FFA

Fire Fighting Apparatus
- WS

Water Supply
- D

Drainage
- L

Laundry Facilities
- S

Storage Space
- FP

Footpath
- SA

Sanitary Accommodation Blocks
- WC

Water Closet to each caravan standing
- T

Telephone

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The difficulties experienced in previous years in maintaining this service have been made no easier during the year and the position was aggravated immediately the working week was reduced to forty hours. Much overtime has been necessary in order to keep the fortnightly collection service.

Again the paper sack system for domestic refuse collection has been considered but because of the cost and the possibility of a bonus system being introduced for the workmen in 1966 the matter is left in abeyance.

The complaints regarding the refuse tip mentioned last year gathered momentum during the present year. The attendant employed full time at the controlled tip with a Chaseside shovel vehicle was doing everything possible to look after the tip in a workmanlike manner. After many deliberations it was decided to ask an Inspector from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for his observations regarding the refuse tip. This resulted in the Ministry Inspector visiting the site and also making an inspection of the cleansing services. An extract from the Inspector's report is, "that the standard of tipping gave no cause for complaint at the time of the visit, it was apparent that in the use of a site which is now so close to houses, only the highest standards at all times will suffice if nuisance and complaints are to be avoided. The Inspector makes two suggestions which might limit cause of complaint, that additional screening of the area being used might be provided by planting trees and shrubs in the more exposed parts within the perimeter of the tipping site and that during the summer months no refuse should be deposited within 50 yards of any dwelling house".

By this statement it must not be assumed that tipping was being carried out within 50 yards of any dwelling house during the summer months. The trees and shrubs have now been planted at a cost of £212.

The estimated actual cost of refuse collection and disposal for 1965/66 is £20,006 less £120 for tipping charges, etc.

MEAT INSPECTION

There are two slaughter houses in operation in the District
CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	934	0	66	6281	1159	0
Number inspected	934	0	66	6281	1159	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	5	2	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	111	0	0	2	3	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	11.88	0	0	0.11	0.43	0
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	4	0	0	0	18	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.42	0	0	0	1.55	0
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Operative.
Number of inspections as a result of notification:

1. Dwellings	..	..	..	..	356
2. Business premises	..	..	..	..	3
3. Farms..	..	..	..	..	780
4. Council property	..	..	..	..	150

Number of infestations discovered:

1. Dwellings	..	..	..	..	356
2. Business premises	..	..	..	..	3
3. Farms..	..	..	..	..	68
4. Council property	..	..	..	..	9

Number of re-visits for treatment purposes .. 848

The value of contracts in operation on the 31st December, 1965, was £634, involving 68 premises. The Council at their meeting in April, 1965, decided not to increase the price of contracts for farms, that at the present time averages at less than £10 per premise. At least twelve visits per year are made.

WARWICKSHIRE CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

A smoke filter with volumetric sulphur dioxide apparatus, together with a lead peroxide apparatus are in operation in the district.

Ten children from the district attended the one-day conference for schools at Coventry.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Two premises in the District are licensed to keep an animal boarding establishment. Inspections to these premises during the year have found them to be satisfactory.

OFFICE, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The majority of the premises in the district are now registered.

Four accidents have been investigated.

A photometer has been obtained for observing lighting standards. The results observed in the nine premises during the last three months of the year are satisfactory.

The annual report under the Act is as follows:

TABLE A—REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	2	31	3
Retail shops	2	94	8
Wholesale shops, warehouses	0	5	3
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ..	3	25	2
Fuel storage depots	0	1	0
TOTALS	7	156	16

TABLE B—NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTOR TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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TABLE C—ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of premises	Number of persons employed
Offices	126
Retail shops	283
Wholesale departments, warehouses ..	38
Catering establishments open to the public	131
Canteens	4
Fuel storage depots	2
TOTAL	584
TOTAL MALES	228
TOTAL FEMALES	356

FACTORIES ACT, 1961: PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	9	1	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	93	9	3	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	12	12	0	0
Total	114	22	3	0

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	3	0	0	0

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

MAIN SCHEMES

Three main schemes for new sewerage and sewage disposal works were still in progress at the beginning of the year. Progress has most unfortunately been very slow and a certain amount of trouble has arisen due to faulty alignment of some of the sewers. The remedying of this wrong alignment has delayed the bringing of sewerage and sewage disposal works into use. By the end of the year the central area scheme with the new sewage works at Oversley near Alcester, was brought into use. The new scheme in the northern area dealing largely with the sewage from Studley was held up owing to discussions concerning sewage disposal for the Redditch New Town. By the end of the year, the southern scheme had nearly been completed.

SMALL VILLAGE SCHEMES

The Council's Consulting Engineers were instructed earlier in the year to produce outline schemes for the drainage and treatment of sewage from the small villages in the Rural District. Their plans envisaged draining small villages to the new treatment works of the major schemes which are nearing completion. The Council gave deep consideration to the matter particularly since the cost of the whole scheme would be very great. It was finally decided to proceed as follows:—

Where the northern areas were concerned, the villages of Sambourne, Spernal and Mappleborough Green and several smaller hamlets were not proceeded with since they would probably link up with the arrangements for sewage treatment for Redditch New Town.

The villages in the central area to be proceeded with were Coughton, Great Alne, Haselor and Aston Cantlow. These villages would be drained to the new works at Alcester.

In the southern area the hamlets and villages of Dunnington and Ardens Grafton were put back from the first stage. The villages of Wixford and Exhall were, however, to be proceeded with and drainage would be to Bidford-on-Avon.

During the year several complaints have been received from the Severn River Authority about poor effluent from village drains in the small villages. These complaints apply particularly to the village of Haselor where farm drainage has for a long time been going into the small village tank. The effluent from this tank has been producing extreme pollution of the small brook. A temporary solution to this difficulty was decided upon in the beginning of the year when sewerage effluent was to be sprayed on farm land. The Council agreed to this and as a temporary measure had the approval of the Severn River Authority.

WILMCOTE

The laying of the new sewer in the village of Wilmcote proceeded during the whole of the year, work being rather slow. By the end of the year, however, all that was left to be undertaken were house connections and certain remedial works to defective sewers. The sewage from this village proceeds by gravity to the Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon where it is eventually treated at the Council's Treatment Works at Milcote.

SEWERAGE WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

With the completion of the new works at Alcester and the imminent completion of northern and southern area sewage schemes, a Sewerage Works Superintendent was appointed during the year. In addition to supervising the maintenance of the

main works he has undertaken with his staff a considerable amount of maintenance on small works in the villages. This work has resulted in a very great improvement of the effluent from these works.

WATER SUPPLIES

The whole of the Rural District, apart from a small area in the south, receives its water by arrangements made by the East Worcestershire Water Works. There has been no difficulty during the year and the Company has been engaged in improving the water supply to Dunnington and Bidford-on-Avon by replacing the supply from the Coventry Aqueduct by supplies from Worcestershire. Plans are being made to augment the supply to Studley and Alcester where greater supplies are required because of new housing development.

Some of the southern villages in the Rural District receive their supplies from the South Warwickshire Water Board and again there have been no difficulties since the source of supply at Snitterfield in the Stratford-on-Avon Rural District has been aerated to overcome the sulphur bacillus infection. None of the water for domestic supply is plumbo-solvent.

The Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor
H. C. COOPER, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector
R. HANCOCK, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Area of District (acres)	..	..	..	53,339
Population (estimated)	..	..	..	9,240
Rateable Value	..	..	..	£291,199
Product of Penny Rate	..	..	..	£1,134

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	84	87	171
Illegitimate	..	..	..	2	3	5

STILL BIRTHS

				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	1	0	1
Illegitimate	..	..	..	0	0	0

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS.. 177

INFANT DEATHS

				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	0	1	1
Illegitimate	..	..	..	0	0	0

MATERNAL DEATHS 0

POPULATION 9,240

RATES

LIVE BIRTHS

Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 21.2 (18.1)*

STILL BIRTHS

Still birth rate per 1,000 related live and still births 5.65 (15.7)*

INFANT DEATHS

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 5.7 (19.0)*
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—legitimate 5.8
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—illegitimate 0
 Neo-natal rate (first four weeks of life)—nil deaths 0 (13.0)*
 Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births 2.9

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births 0 (0.25)*

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total	
	78	50	128	
Corrected death rate per 1,000 population				9.1 (11.5)*

*Corresponding rates for England and Wales

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1965 (estimated)	..	3,621
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COUNCIL HOUSES

Number of council houses at 31st December, 1965	..	838	
Number of council houses at 31st December, 1964	..	812	
Number of council houses built in 1965	.. ..	26	increase 3.20%

PRIVATE HOUSES

Number of private houses built in 1965	..	..	136
Number of houses demolished in 1965	..	..	11
Increase in private dwellings	.. ..	..	125

TOTAL DWELLINGS

Total dwellings at 31st December, 1965	..	..	3,621 (Revised figure)
Total dwellings at 31st December, 1964	..	..	3,477
Increase in number of dwellings in 1965	.. ..	..	144—increase 4.11%

COUNCIL HOUSES

Number of council houses completed in 1965	..	..	26
Number in course of erection	.. ..	..	53
		Total	79
Number of applicants for council houses	..	..	183

1. REMEDY OF HOUSING DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

(1) By informal action	..	..	..	..	30
(2) By formal action under Public Health Act	..	..	..	..	0
(3) By action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	..	..	..	..	0
(4) By action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957					
(a) Number of representations made	..	..	..	..	23
(b) Number of demolition orders made	..	..	..	..	5
(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair and improve	..	..	..	..	1
(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	..	..	..	..	0
(e) Closing Orders under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957	..	..	..	..	4
(f) Closing Orders under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957	..	..	..	..	0
(5) By action under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957					
(a) Number of representations made	..	..	..	..	0
(b) Number of Clearance Areas declared	..	..	..	..	0
(c) Number of houses involved	..	..	..	..	0
(d) Number of Clearance Orders made	..	..	..	..	0
(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	..	..	..	..	0
(f) Number of houses demolished	..	..	..	..	0

2. DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

(a) Number of applications received	(1) owner occupied	..	..	6
	(2) tenanted	..	..	12
(b) Number of grants made	..	..	..	18
(c) Number of dwellings affected	..	..	..	18
(d) Total amount of grants made	..	..	..	£6,827

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS—HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

(a) Number of applications received	(1) owner occupied	..	..	8
	(2) tenanted	..	..	8
(b) Number of grants made	..	..	..	16
(c) Number of dwellings affected	..	..	..	16
(d) Total amount of grant	..	..	..	£3,165

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for certificates	..	..	..	..	0
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	..	..	..	..	0
Number of decisions to issue certificates	..	..	..	..	0
Number of undertakings given to landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	..	..	..	..	0
Number of undertakings refused by local authorities under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	..	..	..	..	0
Number of certificates issued	..	..	..	..	0
Applications by landlords to local authority for cancellation certificates					0

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

DWELLINGS IMPROVED

Total number of grants authorised to 31st December, 1965	..	592
Total number of council houses improved to 31st December, 1965	..	207
Total number of dwellings improved to 31st December, 1965	..	799
		(22.06 %)

COUNCIL HOUSES IMPROVEMENTS

All the substandard council houses were improved before the end of 1962.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

HOUSING SURVEY, 1960—FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME: DETAILS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1965

Various additions have been made to the original list, which now totals 138 dwellings. The record of actions taken and results obtained, both formally and informally, is as follows:

Demolition orders made (outstanding)	6
Houses demolished	11
Houses closed	4
Undertakings to repair (outstanding)	27
Closing Orders (outstanding)	40
Houses repaired	7
Official representations awaiting decision	8
Houses outstanding	35
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	138

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT—VISITS MADE

Inspection of premises—Public Health Act	610
Slaughterhouses and knackers' yards	..	..	265
Milk and dairies	..	..	10
Food premises	..	..	110
Ice-cream premises	..	..	7
Petroleum stores	..	..	43
New buildings	..	..	520
Drains tested	..	..	186
Ditches, drainage matter and sewage works	..	..	326
Water supplies	..	..	21
Tips..	..	..	60
Filthy and verminous premises, including disinfection			5
Caravan sites	..	..	26
Infectious diseases..	..	..	4
Rodent control, including and in conjunction with other visits (other than rodent operative)	..	..	31
Miscellaneous visits	..	..	263
Clean Air Act (Records, etc.)	..	..	380
NOTICES SERVED			
(a) Statutory	..	..	0
(b) Informal	..	..	80
RESULTS OF NOTICES SERVED			
(a) Notices complied with Statutory	..	..	0
Informal	..	..	63
(b) Notices outstanding Informal	..	..	17

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

1. DRAINS AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

The Council decided several years ago that as and when the mains sewerage works in any villages were being constructed, the conversion and modernisation of house drains should be undertaken at the same time and in conjunction with the general contract. Thus as the schemes for sewerage the villages have been completed all house drains have been brought up to standard and connected to the new sewers and the surface water drains disconnected and drained to appropriate culverts or ditches. Where properties had no modern facilities lateral drains have been laid ready for use in the future.

In those villages where schemes are not yet in progress of construction it is the policy of the council to encourage owners to improve property and to install modern drains which can readily be connected to the new sewers as and when they are installed.

Most of the villages in the district have now been surveyed and sketch plan details of existing drains for each house have been prepared and filed. This is found most useful when the work of connecting to the new sewers is in progress and helps in determining what work has to be carried out to bring the existing drains up to the required modern standard.

2. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The council having decided to retain the smaller of the refuse collecting vehicles another year, it is disappointing to find that the weekly collection of refuse in villages outside Shipston-on-Stour cannot be undertaken for at least twelve months. Few complaints have been received in connection with refuse collection but the full weekly collection should be made at the earliest opportunity, and consideration be given to the question of collection from the premises instead of the kerbside collection as at present.

Refuse disposal is being carried out in the disused railway cuttings outside the town and is found to be very convenient. A man is kept at the tip and has the use of a bulldozer, a scraper and when required an excavator to assist in maintaining controlled tipping. Refuse is being levelled off and covered as it is received and the surfaces are being dressed off as each section is completed. A supply of tip dressing and pesticide is kept at the tip and is used as required. A small amount of fly nuisance occurred during the year when the usual man was absent through sickness and the tip did not receive its normal attention.

The council are keeping the question of the disposal of old car bodies under constant review. Some are accepted at the tip and filled with refuse in the bottom of the tipping area, but this is becoming increasingly difficult and absorbs too much labour. A quarry at Stretton-on-Fosse is being used by a car breaker but there are three illegal dumps in the area which need to be cleared. The scheme for the use of a crusher has not materialised.

3. NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION

There is no nightsoil collection in the area as the general practice is to install septic tank systems of drainage where no sewers are available. Some of the cottages have pail closets and the contents of these are buried in the gardens and create no problem.

4. CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

There is one site in the area for use by the Camping Club for five caravans, and there are 14 single sites occupied by single caravans used in connection with agriculture or domestic need. All the sites have hard standings, water supply and sanitary accommodation and comply with the regulations. The council have refused applications to set up caravan sites for general use in order to preserve the rural amenities of the area.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

Almost all the registered premises in the area for the sale of ice-cream sell only the pre-packed variety. Regular inspections are made and the premises are maintained in a hygienic condition. There has been no cause for complaint.

Registered premises for the manufacture by heat treatment	..	..	0
Registered premises for the manufacture of cold mix	..	..	0
Registered premises for the sale of ice-cream	..	..	41

BAKEHOUSES

There are two bakehouses in the area and both are maintained in a satisfactory and hygienic manner.

FISH FRIERS

Fish frying is carried out at two premises in the area as an ancillary to the wet fish trade. Hygienic methods are practised and the premises are regularly inspected. No complaints in connection with the use of the premises have been received.

SAUSAGE MANUFACTURE

The manufacture of sausages is carried out at seven butchers in the area as an ancillary to the general trade. No wholesale business is carried on and conditions are satisfactory.

INNS, PUBLIC HOUSES AND HOTELS

Satisfactory conditions are maintained at the 28 licensed premises in the area. Regular inspections are made and improvements called for as necessary.

HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The undermentioned list sets out the premises in the area subject to the Hygiene Regulations. These are in addition to the inns and hotels.

Trade	No. of Premises					
General stores	31
Grocers	4
Butchers	8
Fishmongers	2
Confectioners	8
Greengrocers	2
Restaurants	7
Slaughterhouses	2

Twenty-five contraventions of regulations have been reported in the year, all of which have been remedied informally.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 31

RESTAURANT KITCHENS

Inspections are made at premises where food is prepared for sale to ensure that the Food Hygiene Regulations are carried out. Efforts are being made to improve conditions at one premises where the trade is outgrowing the accommodation. No official action has been necessary.

MILK AND DAIRIES

All licences under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations are issued by the Warwickshire County Council. Full co-operation is maintained between the County Council and this Council and records are kept of licences issued or cancelled.

The following table shows the results of samples taken in this area during the year. Thirty samples were submitted for biological examination all of which were reported as a negative result for tubercle bacilli.

DESIGNATION			TESTS FAILED		
Untreated formerly T.T.	Pasteurised	Sterilised	Methylene Blue	Phosphatase	Turbidity
1	32	0	0	0	0

MEAT INSPECTION

1. The two private slaughterhouses in the area are maintained in good condition and are operated satisfactorily. Both are of a good standard and no action has been necessary during the year.

2. Condemned meat is disposed of by the occupiers to processors.

3. DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

				lbs.
Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	..	..	132
Parasites .. .. .	..	..	..	1,587
Abscesses .. .. .	..	..	..	220
Bruised and broken bones .. ..	..	..	..	71
Urticaria .. .. .	..	..	..	60
Cysticercus bovis .. .. .	..	..	..	0
Fevered carcasses	323
Septicaemia	291
Emaciation	190
Actinomycosis	0
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				2,874
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OTHER CONDEMNED FOODS

				lbs.
Jam	28
Apricot pulp	10

KNACKERS' YARDS

There is one licensed knacker's yard in the area and it is maintained in a reasonable manner.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	393	0	67	1252	755	0
Number inspected	393	0	67	1252	755	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	1	14	2	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	121	0	0	153	56	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	30.79	0	1.49	13.34	7.68	0
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	1	0	0	0	10	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.25	0	0	0	1.32	0
Cysticcosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

RODENT CONTROL

A full time operator is employed to carry out the requirements of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949. The work is supervised by the Public Health Inspector. The operator carries out survey work in addition to treatments.

Farm and business premises are catered for under a contract system which has proved very satisfactory. The Council's operator treats the Council's sewers and sewage disposal works and gives special attention to the refuse tips. A free service is operated for the minor infestations found in domestic premises.

SUMMARY OF RODENT CONTROL ACTION

Number of contracts obtained Annual	65
Hourly charge	5
Value of annual contracts	£515-3-0
Value of hourly charge contracts	£7-10-0
Number of inspections for survey purposes:	
1. Dwellings	1,447
2. Business premises	72
3. Farms	343
4. Council property other than tips and sewage works	29
Number of infestations discovered:	
1. Dwellings	286
2. Business premises	2
3. Farms	10
4. Council property	5
Number of re-visits for treatment purposes	2,171
Number of carcasses picked up	358
Number of treatments completed	290

FACTORIES ACT, 1961: PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	7	5	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	84	41	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	13	6	0	0
Total	104	52	0	0

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Remarks	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	3	0	0	0

WATER SUPPLIES

Except for a few outlying farms on the higher parts of the district the whole of the area is now served by a full comprehensive water supply system fully sufficient for all domestic and trade purposes. The system is under the control of the South Warwickshire Water Board who took over from the district Council in 1963.

Supplies are obtained from the North Cotswold Water Board, wells in the Stratford-on-Avon rural district and local springs in Ebrington. Distribution is carried out from six service reservoirs and there are five electrically operated automatic pumping stations in the district.

The South Warwickshire Water Board, by virtue of ring mains, have been able to ease the demand on the district and although dry conditions have been experienced there has been no shortage of water and, therefore, no need to restrict supplies.

QUALITY OF WATER

The supplying authorities chlorinate the water at the various sources and samples are regularly taken and submitted for analysis. No complaint has been received.

Where private supplies are still in use the water supply is checked at intervals to ascertain that the systems are satisfactory.

ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Samples of water are taken at intervals as deemed to be necessary. During the year five samples have been taken and the results are set out hereunder.

Private	..	..	..	0
Public	..	..	..	5 Satisfactory

ACTION IN RESPECT OF CONTAMINATION

The Council have a portable Wallace and Tiernan chlorinator which can be used if the need of emergency arises and a small stock of liquid chlorine is kept available.

PLUMBO SOLVENCY

There is little risk of plumbo solvent action as all the water supplied in the area is fairly hard. Most of the pipework used in domestic systems is either of copper, iron or thermo-plastic.

SEWERAGE

Steady progress is being maintained with the sewerage of villages in the area and the Council are slowly fulfilling their resolve to sewer the whole of the area. Fourteen villages have now been sewerage, the three villages of Butlers Marston, Pillerton Priors and Pillerton Hersey have a scheme which is now almost complete. The scheme serving Armscote, Blackwell, Darlingscote, Halford, Honington, Newbold-on-Stour, Tredington and part of Shipston-on-Stour has been approved by the Minister and it is hoped to start work early in 1966. This large scheme will also provide a complete new disposal works for the town of Shipston-on-Stour where the original disposal works is obsolete.

The proposed scheme for the sewerage of the villages of Oxhill and Whatcote has been approved in principle and is awaiting the Ministry inquiry. Unfortunately there has been delay in obtaining land for the sewage disposal works.

Details are being prepared for a joint scheme to serve the villages of Burmington, Barcheston, Tidmington and Willington, where the sewage will be pumped to the new disposal works at Shipston-on-Stour.

In addition to the above, the scheme for the sewerage of Whichford has been prepared in outline.

The Council have followed a policy of amending existing house drainage systems and having them connected up to the new sewage schemes as the work of each scheme is in progress. This has resulted in house drains and village sewers all being completed and put to work 100 per cent as each contract reaches its final stage. This method obviates the necessity for the service of notices for the enforcement of house drainage systems and the general considerable delay where this type of work is not undertaken in conjunction with the main sewage contracts.

Where main sewers are not yet provided in full, there are a number of small disposal works which receive careful attention, and in other cases, properties are drained to septic tanks or soakaway systems. Whilst every effort is made to reduce nuisance to a minimum nothing less than full sewage disposal systems will prevent the contamination of streams, ditches and the River Stour. It is, therefore, essential that the Council's policy of sewerage all the villages in the area should progress as rapidly as is possible.

SEWERAGE 1965
(Population estimated)

Villages	Houses	Population	Date of Operation	Remarks	
FULLY SEWERED					
1. Brailes: Upper } 2. Lower }	294	824	1960	Parts 1 and 2	
3. Cherington	97	272	1960		
4. Honington	68	191	1909		
5. Ilmington	214	600	1957 and 1959		
6. Idlicote	32	89	1963		
7. Little Compton	110	308	1961		
8. Long Compton	233	652	1961		
9. Shipston-on-Stour	719	2,013	1918		
10. Stourton	45	126	1961		
11. Stretton-on-Fosse	123	344	1959		
12. Sutton-under-Brailes	44	123	1960		
13. Tysoe: Upper } 14. Middle }	280	784	1962		
15. Lower }					
SCHEMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION					
1. Butlers Marston	82	230			Grouped to one disposal works
2. Pillerton Hersey	48	134			
3. Pillerton Priors	62	174			
APPROVED BY MINISTRY					
1. Armscote	46	129		Grouped to one disposal works and to include Shipston-on-Stour	
2. Blackwell	51	143			
3. Darlingscote	35	98			
4. Halford	102	285			
5. Newbold-on-Stour	149	417			
6. Tredington	163	456			
7. Honington	68	191			
AWAITING MINISTRY APPROVAL					
1. Oxhill	87	244		Joint schemes	
2. Whatcote	38	107			
IN COURSE OF DETAILED PREPARATION					
1. Barcheston	10	28			
2. Burmington	42	117			
3. Tidmington	12	34			
4. Willington	26	72			
UNDER CONSIDERATION					
1. Whichford	73	204			
2. Ascott	24	67			
NO ACTION TO DATE					
1. Barton-on-the-Heath	40	112			
2. Compton Wynyates	8	22			
3. Great Wolford	51	143			
4. Little Wolford	50	140			
5. Winderton	19	53			

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BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	4
	F	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	8
	F	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	8
	F	8
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	1
	F	0
16. Diabetes	M	0
	F	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	10
	F	18
18. Coronary disease, angina	M	25
	F	15
19. Hypertension with heart disease	M	0
	F	1
20. Other heart disease	M	7
	F	7
21. Other circulatory disease	M	3
	F	6
23. Pneumonia	M	5
	F	10
24. Bronchitis	M	4
	F	0
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	M	0
	F	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	2
	F	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	0
	F	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	M	2
31. Congenital malformations	M	1
	F	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	8
	F	10
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	8
	F	3
34. All other accidents	M	5
	F	2
Total all causes	M	101
	F	93

RURAL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	M	1
	F	0
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	3
	F	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	10
	F	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0
	F	6
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	15
	F	13
16. Diabetes	M	0
	F	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	15
	F	30
18. Coronary disease, angina	M	32
	F	14
19. Hypertension with heart disease	M	1
	F	1
20. Other heart disease	M	5
	F	16
21. Other circulatory disease	M	7
	F	4
22. Influenza	M	1
	F	0
23. Pneumonia	M	8
	F	6
24. Bronchitis	M	7
	F	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	M	0
	F	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	1
	F	0
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	0
	F	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	M	5
31. Congenital malformations	M	2
	F	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	10
	F	14
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	5
	F	1
34. All other accidents	M	4
	F	3
Total all causes	M	132
	F	119

RURAL DISTRICT OF ALCESTER

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages
3. Syphilitic disease	M	1
	F	0
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	2
	F	3
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	7
	F	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0
	F	5
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	8
	F	16
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	10
	F	14
18. Coronary disease, angina	M	23
	F	13
19. Hypertension with heart disease	M	1
	F	2
20. Other heart disease	M	4
	F	8
21. Other circulatory disease	M	5
	F	7
23. Pneumonia	M	9
	F	13
24. Bronchitis	M	8
	F	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	M	3
	F	0
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	0
	F	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	0
	F	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	M	1
	F	0
31. Congenital malformations	M	1
	F	0
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	12
	F	11
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	2
	F	0
34. All other accidents	M	2
	F	4
35. Suicide	M	2
	F	1
Total all causes	M	101
	F	103

RURAL DISTRICT OF SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	TOTAL All ages
3. Syphilitic disease	M	0
	F	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	0
	F	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	3
	F	0
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	0
	F	3
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	7
	F	4
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	1
	F	1
16. Diabetes	M	1
	F	0
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	8
	F	14
18. Coronary disease, angina	M	21
	F	3
20. Other heart disease	M	10
	F	6
21. Other circulatory disease	M	6
	F	6
23. Pneumonia	M	7
	F	2
24. Bronchitis	M	3
	F	0
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	1
	F	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	2
	F	0
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	M	1
	F	0
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	M	1
31. Congenital malformations	M	0
	F	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	4
	F	5
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	1
	F	1
34. All other accidents	M	1
	F	1
Total all causes	M	78
	F	50

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Classifications	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown	TOTAL	Ad. to Hosp.
Measles	5	6	9	19	1		1		41	
Scarlet Fever				2					2	

RURAL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Classifications	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown	TOTAL	Ad. to Hosp.
Measles	7	71	57	85	3	5	4		232	
Scarlet Fever			2	1	4	1			8	
Paratyphoid Fever				1			1		2	
Erysipelas								1	1	
Dysentery							1		1	
Puerperal Pyrexia						2			2	

RURAL DISTRICT OF ALCESTER

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Classifications	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown	TOTAL	Ad. to Hosp.
Pneumonia	2		1	2		1	10		16	1
Measles	4	27	21	26	1				79	
Scarlet Fever				1					1	
Whooping Cough				1					1	
Dysentery					1				1	

RURAL DISTRICT OF SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Classifications	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown	TOTAL	Ad. to Hosp.
Scarlet Fever				1					1	
Measles	2	18	22	51	2	1			96	
Ac. Pneumonia				1			1	1	3	
Puerperal Pyrexia							2		2	

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TUBERCULOSIS

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
21	18	4	3
19	19	4	5

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1965

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1965

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-21		1						
22-25								
26-35				1				
36-45		2		1				
46-55	1							
56-65								
66 and upwards								
Age unknown								
TOTAL	1	3		2				

3 of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transferred from another area

RURAL DISTRICT OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1965

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1965

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
32	27	7	5
25	31	7	5

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
2-5	1							
6-10		1						
11-15								
16-21								
22-25								
26-35		2						
36-45		1						
46-55	1	1						
56-65	1							
66 and upwards					2			
Age unknown								
TOTAL	3	5			2			

1 of these is not a new case of tuberculosis, but transferred from another area

RURAL DISTRICT OF ALCESTER TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1965

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1965

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
21	14	0	8
20	13	0	8

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-21								
22-25								
26-35								
36-45								
46-55	1							
56-65								
66 and upwards	1							
Age unknown								
TOTAL	2							

Both of these cases are transfers from other areas

RURAL DISTRICT OF SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1965

No. of cases on Register at 31st December, 1965

Pul.		Non-Pul.	
M	F	M	F
13	4	0	3
14	8	0	4

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1								
2-5								
6-10	1	1						
11-15		1						
16-21				1				
22-25		1						
26-35		1						
36-45								
46-55								
56-65		1			1			
66 and upwards	1							
Age unknown								
TOTAL	2	5		1	1			

2 of these cases are transfers from another area

